July 28, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski: Commissioner Michael J. Copps: Commissioner Robert M. McDowell: Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker: Commissioner Mignor Clyburn:

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20544

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

A member of the Alamosa County Board of Commissioners, I proudly reside in Colorado's San Luis Valley, a place to discover the great outdoors, Western history, railroading and so much more about our diverse culture. Our rural communities are proactively planning for the future and look towards economic sustainability. As a result, we recognize the need for high-speed mobile broadband solutions that can help build that economic vitality whether it is in higher-education, medicine, farming, recreation and tourism or other businesses.

Harnessing the latest technologies will help us build our local economies in significant ways. It is with this in mind that I strongly urge your support of the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. The proposed acquisition will help rural Alamosa County to quickly realize the benefits of mobile broadband at an outstanding pace.

Alamosa County is the home to the Great Sand Dunes National Park, two higher-education facilities, a regional hospital and extensive health care facilities, as well as being the commercial hub for the San Luis Valley providing major wholesale, retail and service sectors to the surrounding communities. We in Alamosa County treasure our quality of life and relish a sense of community that can be hard to find in big cities.

This proposed acquisition would help bring high-speed internet services to Alamosa County more quickly and would benefit rural life in many ways, both from an economic and social aspect. It's realized the benefits of greater access and faster connectivity to 4G LTE networks is something we still need to continue to be a great place to live, visit and do business.

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The benefits of this merger are numerous with the potential to have a vast economic impact on our communities in Alamosa County and across the state of Colorado. We respectfully urge your support of the AT&T and T-Mobile merger and encourage your support of bridging a rural divide that many times is forgotten as technology is deployed.

Sincerely,

Darius Allen, Chairman

Board of County Commissioners